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For: **Dispersing Agent Comprising Vinyl Alcohol Polymer Having Conjugated Double-Bonds in Its Molecule**

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This paper is filed in response to an Interview Summary mailed on October 19, 2006.

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

A telephone interview between the applicant's representative Shiming Wu and patent Examiners Ives Wu and Duane Smith was held on October 16, 2006. The applicant's Affidavit under 37 CFR 1.132, filed on September 5, 2006, showing the block character of prior art reference Mitsuo (JP 08-269112) was discussed with regard to claim 1. An agreement was reached.

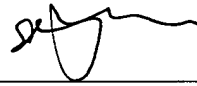
Applicant's representative agrees to provide a supplemental response to the prior Office Action dated June 5, 2006 to further show the criticality of block character of remaining fatty acid ester groups of at least 0.5 in comparison with the block character 0.47 of the prior art reference (JP 08-269112).

Such a supplemental response was mailed to the USPTO on October 18, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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